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FRANK E. HOWE, Editor and Publisher

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Over 1400 copies of the Evening Banner were sold in the village last night. Pretty fair for an infant two days old isn't it?

Winter put on his white vest this morning and a good thick one at that. One year ago this week was the coldest spell known in Bennington for a century.

We have discovered why fraternal orders are so secret in their doing. No man could keep the respect of his wife if she was familiar with his antics when he assists in working the B-Q-X degree.

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## WARSHIPS ON WATCH

Landing of Colombian Troops Reported on Gulf of Darien.

## TO OPEN MOUNTAIN WAY TO PANAMA

Cruisers Patrol Coast, and War Department Is Ready to Send Army to Re-enforce Marines Already Landed to Protect Panama.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—A report from Savannah says that Colombian steamers have landed 1,100 men from Cartagena, near the mouth of the Atrato river, on the gulf of Darien, to open a way over the Darien mountains into Panama.

Other troops from the department of Cauca, Colombia, are said to be converging on Panama, and from all parts of Colombia troops are reported to be marching or awaiting the result of General Reyes' mission to Washington.

In the same breath Secretary Moody discredited the report that Colombian troops are marching on Panama and ordered the Pacific, with 300 marines, from Guantanamo to Colon. The state department has received advice which caused it to credit the report of the landing of 1,100 Colombian troops in the gulf of Darien.

Three hundred marines from the Dixie are at Empire, on the canal strip. The same number will be landed from the Pacific, which Rear Admiral Barker, commanding the north Atlantic fleet at Guantanamo, has been instructed to send from there tomorrow.

If the landing of Colombian troops is verified two or three regiments of United States regulars will be sent at once to the isthmus. The policy of the administration is to prevent a fight before one can occur.

The joint army and navy board, of which General Young, Admiral Dewey, Rear Admiral Taylor and General Bliss are members held a meeting, at which the Panama situation was discussed. The general staff is anxious to send troops to the isthmus if there is any prospect of a Colombian invasion.

A Colon dispatch says that the United States cruiser Atlanta is still patrolling the eastern end of the San Blas coast and keeping an outlook for any attempt on the part of the Colombian government to land troops on the isthmus, which the Atlanta would at once prevent. The Atlanta is also endeavoring to ascertain if the Indians know anything of the movements of troops from the interior across the frontier and is also seeking information concerning the concentration of Colombian troops at the mouth of the Atrato river, on the gulf of Darien. The Atrato river being in Colombian territory, the Atlanta could not interfere with any movements of Colombian troops there.

The movements of the Atlanta are entirely of a precautionary nature and for the purpose of securing information as to the situation.

The United States gunboat Bancroft has left here to patrol the western end of the San Blas coast in co-operation with the Atlanta. It is expected that the latter vessel will return here in a day or two to report.

General Young, chief of staff, states that the army is prepared for any contingency which may arise in Panama. It is understood that preparations have been completed for the immediate movement of troops and that the transport service is in readiness.

## Death From Mine Explosion.

GREENSBURG, Pa., Dec. 10.—An explosion in the Euclid mine of the Pittsburg Coal company at Port Royal shortly after Division Engineer W. A. Williams and his assistants, Edward Oliver and Milton McMillen, had entered it resulted in the instant death of McMillen and the serious burning of Williams and Oliver. Seventeen miners at work in the mine escaped without injury. The cause of the explosion is not positively known, but it is supposed one of the engineers lighted a match.

## Girl Wife Confessed Murder.

KALAMAZOO, Mich., Dec. 10.—Mrs. Kate Ludwig, nineteen years old, who says she was forced into marriage against her will, is now in jail in Coldwater on the charge of murdering her husband. "I couldn't live with the man," the prisoner said, "and, as I am a Catholic, I couldn't get a divorce, according to the laws of the Catholic church, so I killed him."

## Fisherman Arrested as Smuggler.

BUFFALO, Dec. 10.—Federal officers have arrested Richard Hardison, thirty-two years old, who, it is alleged, was connected with the gang of smugglers whose operations were brought to light by the drowning of four Chinamen in the Niagara river. He is a fisherman.

## Famous Moonshiner Arrested.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 10.—Ashford Napier, whose alias is Wild Ash, the famous moonshiner of the Kentucky-Virginia border, who has baffled the officials of both states for years, has been arrested in his whisky resort on top of Black mountain.

## New Naval Station Occupied.

HAVANA, Dec. 10.—The government was formally notified by the United States naval authorities yesterday that they would formally occupy the naval station at Guantanamo today.

## Denmark Recognizes Panama.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—M. Bunau-Varilla, the minister from Panama, has received information that the government of Denmark has recognized the new republic.

## Roosevelt's Naval Aid.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Commander Cameron McRae Winslow, U. S. N., has been ordered to duty as naval aid to President Roosevelt.

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## SHIPYARD HEARING.

Perkins Defends Morgan From Bondholders' Accusations.

## NOTHING TO DO WITH BETHLEHEM

Witness Said His Firm Had No Connection With Trust's Organization—Lawyers Try to Prevent the Full Story Coming Out.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Further remarkable disclosures were made at the hearing in the bondholders' suit against the United States Shipbuilding company in the testimony of George W. Perkins, partner of J. P. Morgan.

The most startling revelation was that the Bethlehem steel plant was not really owned by Mr. Schwab, but that Mr. Schwab was used by J. P. Morgan & Co. as a dummy in selling the plant to the shipbuilding company. This was brought out when it was shown that the contract of sale of the Bethlehem plant was signed not by Mr. Schwab, but by J. P. Morgan & Co.

According to Mr. Untermyer, counsel for the litigant bondholders, the stock of the Bethlehem Steel company was held in the offices of J. P. Morgan & Co. in the names of Mr. Schwab, his clerks and secretaries as dummies.

Another amazing fact drawn from Mr. Perkins was that, though he had never been introduced to D. Leroy Dresser, he was willing to place \$2,100,000 with trust companies to be loaned to him. And just as remarkable was the statement of Mr. Perkins that his firm was willing to accept \$5,000,000 in securities of the United States Shipbuilding company as a reward for their services without having investigated the financial standing of the company. In other words, J. P. Morgan & Co. accepted what represented a year's earnings of the trust and interest on \$7,000,000 without having the slightest knowledge of the value of the properties of the shipyard combination or their earning capacity.

When the hearing opened Lawyer William D. Guthrie, counsel for the Schwab interest, made a strenuous effort to prevent the making public of the full story of the connection of J. P. Morgan & Co. with the sale of the Bethlehem steel plant to the United States Shipbuilding company, which brought on a bitter argument between himself and Mr. Samuel Untermyer, in which Mr. Guthrie accused Mr. Untermyer of uttering a deliberate falsehood.

Mr. Untermyer showed to the witness a letter that had accompanied the reply of Morgan, Harjes & Co. to the cablegram from J. P. Morgan & Co. asking that a "cordial view" be taken of the default trust.

Mr. Guthrie made strenuous opposition to the making public of this correspondence.

"If this letter is given by you to the press," said Mr. Guthrie to Mr. Untermyer, "I will take steps with the court to have it suppressed."

## Typhoid Cases at Butler Now 1,200.

BUTLER, Pa., Dec. 10.—The burgess of Butler last night issued an appeal to the nation for \$100,000. More than 1,200 persons are ill. In many instances whole families are prostrated. The poor are great sufferers for food and care. Money is needed to employ physicians, nurses and servants. The fever situation seems more discouraging than it has been during the last four or five days. Three deaths have occurred, and twelve new cases are reported. It is also reported that there are four or five cases of typhoid fever at Greece City, ten miles north of Butler.

## Scared Strike Breakers With Clubs.

STOCKTON, Cal., Dec. 10.—Armed with clubs, a mob of about fifty strikers from the Royal mine at Hobson turned back forty strike breakers who were under armed escort here near Milton, marched them down the track about a mile and ordered them out of the vicinity. The order was obeyed with alacrity. The men had been employed at San Francisco to take the places of strikers. More trouble is expected.

## Russian Ships at Korea's Gate.

TOKYO, Dec. 10.—A strong Russian squadron consisting of eight warships, including two battleships, has arrived at Chemulpo, the port of Seoul, capital of Korea, to support Russia's opposition to the proposed opening of Yon-gampho to the commerce of the world. The Russians threaten to land 3,000 men and march on Seoul should Korea disregard their warning.

## Negro Gets Death Sentence.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 10.—Frank Adams, a negro, has been convicted of the murder of Dave Lee, also colored, and was given the death sentence. Both men were convicts and were serving terms for murder. Adams thirty years and Lee a life sentence. The five witnesses on whose testimony Adams was convicted were all serving life sentences for murder.

## Plus Hears of Herrero's Death.

ROME, Dec. 10.—The news of the death of the Spanish Cardinal Herrero y Espinosa at Madrid when communicated to the pope greatly affected him. The pontiff spoke in the most affectionate terms of the late cardinal and referred to his heroic struggle with death during the conclave which elected his holiness.

## Russians in Tibet.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—The Daily Mail's Tokyo correspondent says it is reported by the Chinese representative in Tibet that the Russians are building two forts and are preparing to resist the British expedition.

## Weather Probabilities.

Fair; cold.

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## LETTER TO EDITOR HOWE

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